[redacted] 16 Feb 1953

A/B 5134-12 Reed [redacted]

My dear [redacted]

I carried out your very happy suggestion to go to the A Embassy with my problem. There the wholehearted cooperation of [redacted] was able to turn over the shipment to the Am. Air Lines who with the Air Force service at [redacted] the [redacted] overseas agreed to ship the material direct to me in care of [redacted]

The employees of the A. Air Lines were most helpful and indicated that the seeds & other specimens would likely be in Washington airport by Tuesday 17 Feb. Their cooperation enabled me to complete my plans to collect certain material near [redacted] This more succeeded beyond my expectations & only my last week's efforts in [redacted] will be equally successful. Being somewhat of an exploration trip for materials & orientation, valuable contacts and opportunities for future exploitation, the time available proved all too fast.

Of course, I took some of the most important seeds with me - so that if anything should happen in the air - either to the main shipment or to me - the mission will not be a failure.

I am eager to report to you and others interested and only hope that my efforts - made possible thru your assistance - will with the results obtained will furnish the foundation for planning further action.

Believe me very sincerely and gratefully yours

A [redacted]

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